- -- We note that you met with GOR forces again yesterday, under UN auspices, and that there are plans to meet again. We urge you to agree to an immediate cease-fire.
- -- A cease-fire is the best way to save innocent lives and prevent a humanitarian disaster of even greater proportions.
- -- The RPF's continuing military advance is putting tremendous pressure on populations behind GOR lines. We understand as many as 2 million people may be on the road from Gitarama to Butare, fleeing in advance of the RPF offensive.
- -- The uprooting of hundreds of thousands of additional civilians will only increase the enormous human suffering in Rwanda.
- The continued fighting also puts at great risk the enclaves of civilians at Kabgayi and elsewhere. As the RPF advances, the extremist militias and thugs behind GOR lines may intensify their attacks on these surviving enclaves out of desperation and revenge.
- -- We are working closely with the UN to finalize planning on the expanded UNAMIR humanitarian operation in order to expedite deployment. The international community will do what it can to protect these threatened groups, but the fastest way to remove them from immediate danger is to agree to a cease-fire now.
- -- We are deeply disturbed by the death of another UNAMIR soldier, who, we understand, was killed by RPF fire. This caused the UN to suspend its operation to evacuate, from the Kigali region, threatened civilians under UN protection. UNAMIR is now evaluating whether its forces are being targeted by one side or the other.
- -- We also were informed that another UNAMIR vehicle was recently shot at and that the shots may have come from an RPF held area. These attacks are hindering the evacuation of threatened civilians and must stop immediately.
- -- We urge the RPF to cooperate fully with UNAMIR and to ensure that UNAMIR does not come under fire, so that it can carry out its humanitarian mission to help protect/evacuate threatened civilian groups.
- -- We are also deeply disturbed by a recent report from humanitarian relief sources that the RPF may have specifically targeted humanitarian missions for attack.
- -- We appreciate the RPF's past cooperation with humanitarian relief organizations and hope these reports are unfounded. We insist that the RPF do everything it can to facilitate humanitarian relief efforts.